

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

MARC VEASEY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RICK PERRY, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:13-cv-193 (NGR)

**JOINT OPPOSED MOTION TO STRIKE DEFENDANTS' AFFIRMATIVE
ALLEGATIONS AND DEFENSES**

Each of the Plaintiffs and Plaintiff-Intervenors filed a Complaint against the State of Texas and certain state officials alleging violations of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973, and the Texas and United States Constitutions. *See* TLYVEF Am. Compl. (ECF No. 73); Veasey Am. Compl. (ECF No. 109); Texas Ass'n of Hispanic Cnty. Judges Am. Compl. (ECF No. 153); MALC & Texas NAACP Compl. (13-cv-291, ECF No. 1); Ortiz Compl. (13-cv-348, ECF No. 4). On July 17, 2014, Defendants filed Corrected Answers to those Complaints, each of which included a section entitled "Affirmative Allegations and Defenses." *See* Ans. to TLYVEF Am. Compl. (ECF No. 423); Ans. to Veasey Am. Compl. (ECF No. 421); Ans. to Texas Ass'n of Hispanic Cnty. Judges Am. Compl. (ECF No. 425); Ans. to MALC & Texas NAACP Compl. (ECF No. 422); Ans. to Ortiz Compl. (ECF No. 419).

Without burdening this Court with additional argument, for the reasons set forth in the submission of the United States (ECF No. 456), Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court strike Defendants' "Affirmative Allegations and Defenses" pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f). We have orally conferred with Defendants and they oppose this motion.

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